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SUBJECT: STUDENT DEMONSTRATION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

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1. THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT FOLLOWED THROUGH ON ITS PROMISES LAST FRIDAY TO STUDENT LEADERS ( WHICH WON DISPERSAL OF THE STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS) THAT THE NINE STUDENTS EXPELLED FROM RAMKAMHAENG UNIVERSITY WOULD BE REINSTATED. INSTEAD OF THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE RAMKAMHAENG NINE PROMISED BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL METED OUT ONE AND TWO SEMESTER SUSPENSIONS FOR THE OFFENDING STUDENTS. ALSO, NEITHER OF THE PROMISED INVESTIGATIONS APPEARS TO HAVE COMMENCED.

2. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 26, FIGHTING BROKE OUT AMONG STUDENTS  
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ON THE RAMKAMHAENG CAMPUS, ABORTING A REFERENDUM  
PLANNED BY DR. SAKDI TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR  
NOT HE SHOULD REMAIN AS RECTOR. IN WAKE OF THIS, RAMKAMHAENG  
STUDENTS ARE REPORTED TO BE MARCHING TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
TO REINFORCE A STRONG DEMAND PRESENTED EARLIER BY LETTER  
THAT THE NINE STUDENTS BE FULLY REINSTATED, AND THAT DR.  
SAKDI BE TERMINATED AS RECTOR. ONE  
OF THE ASSEMBLED STUDENTS ANNOUNCED OVER A LOUD SPEAKER THAT SAKDI  
HAD TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION AT ABOUT 1:00 P. M. LOCAL TIME.  
THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL IS REPORTEDLY DUE TO MEET TOMORROW TO RULE  
ON THE STUDENTS' DEMANDS AND TO ACCEPT OR REJECT DR.  
SAKDI'S RESIGNATION. AS OF  
6:30 P. M. THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 1,000 TO 2,000 STUDENTS  
IN FRONT OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE, WITH EIGHT REPRESENTATIVES  
MEETING WITH STATE UNIVERSITIES MINISTER BOONROD BINSON  
AND MINISTER LTG SAWAENG SENANARONG OF THE PM'S OFFICE.  
SOME OF THE STUDENTS ARE VOWING TO STAY AT GOVERNMENT  
HOUSE UNTIL THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL'S DECISIONS ARE  
ANNOUNCED TOMORROW.

3. SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION OF STUDENT  
INCLINATION TO DEMONSTRATE ON ISSUE OF THAI- US  
RELATIONS OR US PRESENCE IN THAILAND. ACCORDING TO  
WELL PLACED OFFICIAL IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, THE  
GOVERNMENT HAD INFORMERS WITHIN THE STUDENT ORGANIZA-  
TIONS LAST WEEK AND WOULD HAVE BEEN PREPARED IMMEDIATELY  
TO QUASH ANY INSIPIENT MOVE TO QUESTION THE U. S. PRE-  
SENCE IN THAILAND.  
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